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10          Title: Parcel Manager for Distributed Electronic Billing System

11          **RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 23, 2006**

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18          **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

19          This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated  
20                    October 23, 2006, for which, the three month shortened statutory period for reply  
21                    is set to expire on January 23, 2006.

22          **A Claim Amendment** begins on page 2 of this paper; and

23          **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.